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For: CHANNELS

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Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 35 USC 254**

We are in receipt of the above-noted issued Letters Patent. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, we respectfully request entry of the enclosed Certificate of Correction under 35 USC 254 in order to correct certain errors in the printed patent. In particular:

Column 7, line 62, "of equalization" should read --of optical equalization--;

Column 7, line 64, "communications network" should read --an optical communications network--;

Column 8, line 4, "M data signals." should read -- M data signals, such that optical performance variations between the N channels of the link are equalized by averaging within each of the M data signals.--;

Column 9, line 2, "link of communications" should read --link of an optical communications--;

Column 10, line 11, "of communications" should read --of an optical communications--;

Column 10, line 19, "M data signals." should read --M data signals, such that optical performance variations between the N channels of the link are equalized by averaging within each of the M data signals.--;

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Column 12, line 14, "N channels," should read --N channels as a composite data stream,--; and

Column 12, line 15, "comprising." should read --comprising:

- a) means for dividing each composite data-stream to recover respective sub-streams of each data signal; and
- b) means for interleaving respective recovered sub-streams of each data signal to recover each one of the M data signals.--

As the errors necessitating this Certificate of Correction originated in the Office, no fees are payable.

Respectfully submitted  
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